



**ELKHART COUNTY FATAL ALCOHOL CRASH TEAM
(F.A.C.T.)**

The Elkhart County Fatal Alcohol Crash Team investigates all vehicular traffic crashes involving a fatality and / or serious bodily injury where alcohol, drugs and / or excessive speed is thought to be involved inside the county limits. The purpose of the Elkhart County Fatal Alcohol Crash Team is ensure the arrest and conviction of drivers who injure and kill due to driving motor vehicles while under the influence of alcohol and / or drugs. The Elkhart County Fatal Alcohol Crash

Team utilizes the latest technology in crash reconstruction to investigate FACT related crashes.

The Elkhart County Fatal Alcohol Crash Team was chartered with a grant from the Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving in 2005. There is a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney assigned to the team that prosecutes all FACT Cases, a Law Enforcement Coordinator, and fifteen (15) police officers.

The fifteen (15) police officers are divided into three (3) teams of five Officers each. The teams are structured with a Team Leader who is a Reconstructionist, a second Reconstructionist, a "Statements" Specialist for conducting interviews with witnesses and participants, a "Defendant" Specialist who ensures chemical testing and Standardized field sobriety and DRE Testing, and an Evidence Technician to ensure evidence is properly collected and analyzed.

The fifteen (15) police officers on the Fatal Alcohol Crash Teams are chosen from the ranks of the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department, Elkhart City Police Department, Bristol Police Department, Millersburg Police Department, Nappanee Police Department, Wakarusa Police Department, and Middlebury Police Department.



Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Joel Williams (left) and FACT Coordinator Sergeant Mark Diamond, Elkhart County Sheriff's Department (right)

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Joel Williams, FACT Prosecutor
Elkhart County Prosecutor's Office

Mr. Williams is a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the Elkhart County Prosecutor's Office in Elkhart, Indiana. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University Of Toledo College Of Law. Mr. Williams is admitted to practice law in Indiana, Michigan and Arizona.

Mr. Williams has been a prosecutor since 1996. He currently supervises other deputy prosecutors in his office's Major Crimes Division. Mr. Williams is also the lead deputy prosecutor in the Elkhart County Circuit Court. In addition, Mr. Williams is the Deputy Prosecutor Coordinator of the Elkhart County Fatal Alcohol Crash Team (FACT). As the FACT Deputy Prosecutor Coordinator, Mr. Williams prosecutes his office's alcohol and drug related death and serious bodily injury cases.

Mr. Williams is an Assistant Adjunct Professor at the University of Notre Dame Law School where he teaches a moot court trial advocacy class and coaches two (2) trial teams. He has also served as an Assistant Adjunct Professor at Ivy Tech State College. Finally, Mr. Williams has served as a faculty member for the National District Attorney's Association (NDAA) and the Indiana Prosecuting Attorney's Council (IPAC) in their Trial Advocacy Programs.

Sergeant Mark Diamond, FACT Coordinator
Elkhart County Sheriff's Department

Sergeant Diamond is the Training Sergeant for the Elkhart County Sheriffs Department in Goshen, Indiana. Sgt. Diamond is a graduate of Tri-State University and Vincennes University earning degrees in Criminal Justice. Sgt. Diamond also graduated from Northwestern University Traffic Institute for Accident Reconstruction.

Sgt. Diamond has been a member of the Elkhart County Sheriffs Department since 1991. Sgt. Diamond has held the positions of Jail Officer, Jail Training Officer, Patrol Officer and most recently Training Sergeant. Sgt. Diamond is responsible for setting up the annual in-service training, maintaining the training records and evaluating the training needs for 80 sworn officers, 20 reserve officers, 100 civilian jail officers and over 20 civilian employees of the Elkhart County Sheriff Department. In addition, Sgt. Diamond is a Child Passenger Seat Technician, a certified Law Enforcement Instructor, an Advanced Emergency Vehicles Operations Instructor, and oversees all Operation Pullover, DUI Taskforce and BCC Seat Belt Enforcement grants from the Indiana Governor's Council.

Sgt. Diamond has been the supervisor of the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department Crash Investigation Team since its inception in 1997. Sgt. Diamond was appointed the Elkhart County Fatal Alcohol Crash Team Coordinator in 2005.